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**Letter dated 28 August 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention:

Based on the information provided by border authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Taliban, using armed forces and military equipment, violated the Iranian border in the Dogharoon area on 27 August 2001, and took the Iranian border kiosk onto Afghan territory. The referred-to border kiosk had been installed at the Dogharoon border crossing point, inside Iranian territory, to check the movement of the nationals of the two countries. At the present time, armed forces of the Taliban, still deployed on the border strip, have created serious tension in the area.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, while strongly protesting against the border violation perpetrated by armed forces of the Taliban, considers it to be in contravention of the norms and principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. It believes that the continuation of such practice will jeopardize peace and tranquillity in the two countries' border areas, and demands the return to the situation prevailing prior to the said incident, including the return of the Iranian border kiosk to its original position.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while expressing its concern over the incident, reserves its legitimate right to defend its security and its international borders.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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